Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and South Dakota One Call Board encourage and promote calling 811 before digging to preserve personal safety and the integrity of underground utilities; and,

Whereas, Calling 811 sets into motion a series of steps whereby underground utilities are visually marked to direct excavators to dig safely; and,

Whereas, Calling 811 minimizes the damages and dangers of hitting an underground utility line. The consequences of jeopardizing or damaging a utility line includes service interruption, damage to the environment, and injury or even death; and,

Whereas, Through communication of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money and remain safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 prior to any digging project; and,

Whereas, Requests for underground facility locates can be made by calling 811, or entering the request electronically via the www.SDOneCall.com website or mobile app; and,

Whereas, Locate requests are accepted by South Dakota One Call 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and,

Whereas, In 2015, the South Dakota One Call Center fielded nearly 142,000 locate requests resulting in more than 809,000 tickets sent to companies to mark their underground facilities at excavation sites; and,

Whereas, Excavation activity in South Dakota often increases in the spring months among homeowners, contactors, and professional excavators; and,

Whereas, Safe digging is crucial for us all. To Know What's Below; Call 811 Before You Dig:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State